



Appl. No. 10/686,427

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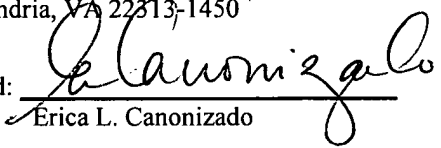
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Applicant : KRAEMER et al.  
Filed : October 14, 2003  
Title : TRANSESOPHAGEAL GASTRIC REDUCTION DEVICE,  
SYSTEM AND METHOD  
TC/A.U. : 3731  
Examiner : Ryan J. Severson  
Docket No. : 2234-002-03

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### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Examiner:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.